

Lab: Adding an SSH key to GitHub



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Estimated time: 15 minutes

Prerequisites

This hands-on lab requires you to have already generated an SSH key. See the [Generating an SSH key](#) lab for instructions.

Steps

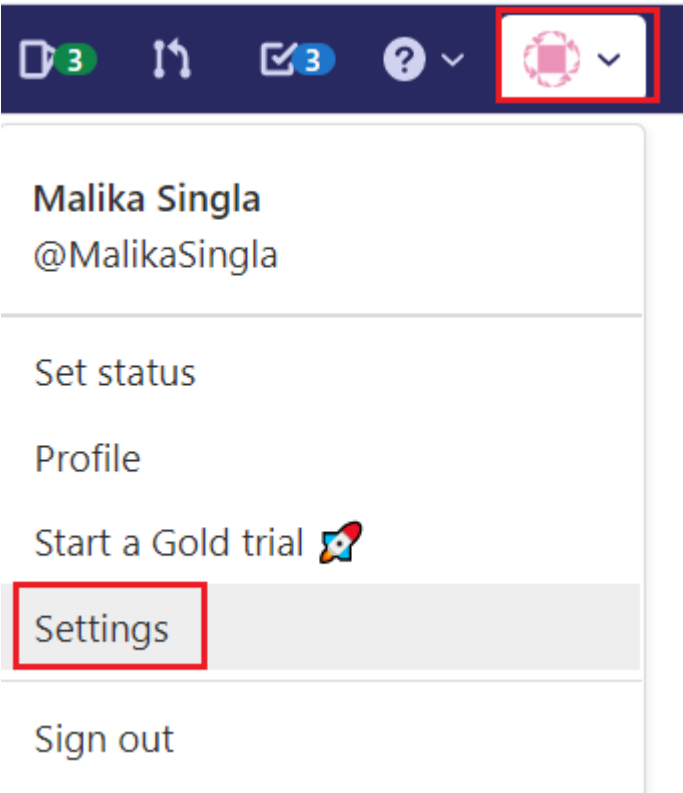
To add an SSH key to GitHub, you need to copy the SSH key that you generated in the previous lab. Open a terminal and then complete the following steps:

1. In the terminal, run the following command:

```
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | clip
```

Note: If `clip` doesn't work, run `cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` in the command line and then copy the output.

2. Sign in to GitHub. At the top right, click the drop-down menu on your profile image and select **Settings**.



3. From the "Personal settings" menu, select **SSH and GPG keys**, as shown in the following image:

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Public profile

Name

Your name may appear around GitHub where you contribute or are mentioned. You can remove it at any time.

Public email

Select a verified email to display

You have set your email address to private. To toggle email privacy, go to [email settings](#) and uncheck "Keep my email address private."

Bio

Tell us a little bit about yourself

You can @mention other users and organizations to link to them.

URL

Twitter username

4. Click **New SSH key**.

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SSH keys

New SSH key

There are no SSH keys associated with your account.

Check out our guide to [generating SSH keys](#) or troubleshoot [common SSH Problems](#).


GPG keys

New GPG key

There are no GPG keys associated with your account.

Learn how to [generate a GPG key and add it to your account](#).

5. Enter a title for the new SSH key. In the **Key** field, paste the key that you copied in step 1, above. The pasted key should include **Your email address** at the end, as shown in the following image:



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ssh-rsa

AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQCAQC5b03ZdC9zRTA7ZRJ384mn5ZMTFDkWqbpgZjXTv2dIMv6xbsDkwzEkH8bYxEgUubj07K0uiXlZsL3atfx4E3Wm+B8zVnBxb897CbH/fCDpPXa7eSLT91NyZUEJLpt0F6BmWRqztV4kxlyddNKG9R7c2btk3CQ3jGR57z/MX9/zXK3MjK9erUke4CWKFlwR2GeXDOat86an97odssi6PIRjklI7m6Qs5odJUP1IjsrLjsAmlUsQPd6bpfm3EtgvKfhUTGm/jMOllws9MYASP5VOhte2s5nXAY/gIA3obe6ZPWuJpenSxRd1qZgeRhs9WHw0YpSrKrUf5u0tEy+QcB7lcShkrRqgBssSsrbc7/bTZZ/5YU0SUNMBDkW7/uSLw3Gah6jKBEX4RqjsjnfaQ+5d3N6WNMI2+jL7Fn18+ugguRY9CcfsgF7qlqZD/SZfedol7k6gWnXKrqGCZ2mPTTvflKJTrRGbfIFtWAVAmuWoSI5kbII8fYbOs8Hfm+iD2GyA2RVQDQMhPEVx+4QyJG/wzPu0IHBEyNwiZMhm6JjrJwwLV3wkwKa9DGdwhbMsjSoW3W8nGDnNRfRFHGbeU5Bh+R3or0lvDS0RIBfDiVkcGHXak1VwMP3Czo4FwGs5C4zCigysjfyV3bZ9lcz6R/Nzt2WRGP9eGS8fEDKAzdzjQ==

Your email address

Add SSH key

6. Click **Add SSH Key**. The SSH key is added to your account.

Summary

Congratulations! You have now learned how to add an SSH key to GitHub.

Tutorial details

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Date	Version	Changed by	Change Description
2020-07-16	0.2	Malika Singla	Spell check, screenshot updated and steps added
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